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FOR MANUFACTURING DRIVER )  
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	Japanese examination report for Japanese Patent Application 2000-375104 dated January 13, 2004.
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